THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

"One of a Kind"

Lum

"There nothing like a good smoke to get a fellow going!"

Lum

"A fellow has a heck of a time in this old world."

"After they made him . . . they threw away the key!" How often have you heard that remark? Did it really fit the person about whom it was said, or was it 'just an expression' used in a rather loose fashion?

To me, when this is said about an individual, it should be in reference to a unique personality . . . someone who, because of his individuality, catches your attention and holds it. I know just such a person.

"I'm a 'Hill-Billy' and mean as hell!! I reckon most folks think of me as the town clown with never a serious thought in my head, but I do have a serious thought now and then. 'Course I try not to let them serious thoughts slip in but they do anyhow!"

William Arlous Edwards, better known to his innumerable friends as "Lum" is indeed a 'Hill-Billy', hailing from Carroll County, Virginia. It was because of his 'Hill-Billy' accent that William became "Lum". He sounded so much like "Lum" of the Lum and Abner radio team that the name really stuck.

Born and reared in the farming community of Carroll County called Woodlawn, "Lum", by his own admission was a 'pretty good boy!'

The son of Mark and Betty Edwards, "Lum" had only one brother, who died at birth. Growing up as an only child with few children his own age in the community, "Lum's" childhood was, more or less, uneventful.

Woodlawn, a quiet community with a post office, general store, and a few churches didn't offer much in the way of excitement for a youngster.

"Lum" remembers things as being a bit different when he was in high school than they are today. Teachers were allowed more freedom in exercising discipline when it was needed.

"I'll tell you one thing," said "Lum" as he spoke of his school years, "the teachers would sure do their thing if you didn't do yours!!!"

"Lum" graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1949. When he had completed his high school work and received his diploma, he was a bit different from the other young men in his graduating class . . . he was a married man.

At age 16, one year before graduation, William Arlous Edwards married his childhood sweetheart, Catherine Ring; she also had one more year before completing high school. With a class ring, a wedding ring and a wife with the name Ring, "Lum" was ready to face the world.

For several years after graduation, the young couple made their home in Carroll County.

"Lum's" first job was with Vaughan Manufacturing Company; they made furniture. His next job was, more or less, in the same field as the first, it was with the Galax Upholstery Co.

The Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland was the next place of employment for "Lum". He worked for the Federal Government in Salvage and Distribution.

"Salvage and Distribution," said "Lum" was a mighty big title, but I didn't do nothing much!"

In Salvage and Distribution, those cars and trucks, etc., that the federal government had used, but were still in fair or even good condition, were brought to a central location and resold.

Laughing heartily, "Lum" commented, "I reckon it was the only department of the government that ever paid its own way!"

After the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, "Lum" worked for a time at the Radford Arsenal; next came a position with the State as Construction Inspector. His work with the State necessitated moving around quite a bit; there was Chatham, Danville, and Lynchburg before "Lum" decided to leave his position with the State and do something he had wanted to do for a long time . . . get in the restaurant business. That restaurant was Maude's.

"Lum" Edwards had always liked good food and had a certain knack for knowing when food was seasoned just right, despite the fact that he had taken up the habit of smoking at quite an early age . . . a very early age, I might add! Nicotine didn't dull his taste buds, no sir!

When he was only about five or six years of age, "Lum" sneaked a smoke with his grandpa's pipe and liked it so well that he smoked it every time he had the opportunity.

"Why, I'd fight my own Grandpa for his pipe! I reckon I just kicked up such a stink they had to give in and let me smoke now and then to keep peace!"

Anybody, especially if he happened to be only five or six years old, who would fight his grandpa to smoke his pipe has just got to be 'one of a kind', don't you agree?

There'll be more about this fellow next week. Why don't you light up your pipe and join us?

Trinity Methodist Church Plans Dedication Service

There will be a Dedication Service at Tisfifty United Methodist Church on Sunday, January 28, at the 11 a.m. Worship Service.

This service is to dedicate a collection plate and a table which have been given to the Young People's Class in memory of A. Harwood Coleman who died August 4, 1978. Harwood was an active member of this class for many years.

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Rabies Clinics Scheduled

W. M. Burger, Jr., D.V.M. has announced the dates for the 1979 Rabies Dog Vaccination clinics.

There will be a Rabies Dog Vaccination clinic at the Appomattox Animal Hospital from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, January 26th; a clinic at Buckingham Court House from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, January 27th; at the Pamplin Fire House in Pamplin from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31st; and at Chambers Store in Red House from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31st.

State law requires certificate of vaccination before dog licenses may be purchased. There will be a $3.00 fee for vaccination of each dog.

Calvary Baptist Church To Hold January Bible Study

Beginning on January 28th and continuing through January 31st from 7:30 until 9:00 each evening, the Calvary Baptist Church, Concord, Virginia will be conducting Bible classes. The Rev. Frank Casper is pastor.

Teachers for the various classes will be: Adults, 18 and up - Larry Worley; Ages 13 through 17 - Jean Tweedy; Ages 9 through 12 - Hilda Casper; Ages 6 through 8 - Dot Phelps; Ages 4 and 5 - Linda Foster; Three Year Olds - Pat Guthrie. A nursery will be provided each evening.

There is a class for everyone so don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this Bible Study.

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Miss Donna Darlene Mottley

Engagement Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Mottley, Sr., of Pamplin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Darlene, to Lewis Anderson Mann, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Anderson Mann, Sr., of Pamplin.

Miss Motley is a 1975 graduate of Appomattox County High School, and is presently employed at Amelia Dress Co. in Pamplin.

Mr Mann is a 1966 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed at Thomasville Furniture Factory in Appomattox.

The wedding will take place at Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, on April 4, 1979 at 4 o'clock p.m. Although no invitations are being sent, all friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Named To Dean's List

The Dean's List at James Madison University in Harrisonburg has been announced for the fall semester of the 1978-79 academic year.

Named to the Dean's List from Appomattox were Warren K. Coleman of Route 2; Teresa C. Cyrus of Route 2; Richard M. Ferguson of P. O. Box 324; Emmitt W. Paulette of Route 1; and Deborah L. White of Route 1.

To qualify for the honor of being placed on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale and carry a course load of at least 14 hours.

Named To Dean's List

Miss Susan Rosser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Morton Rosser, Jr., has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Lynchburg College.

Susan earned a 3.8 average from a possible 4.0 grade point average. She is a sophomore majoring in Sociology.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. William Donald "Donnie" Jones of Appomattox are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kimberly Lynn, born January 9, 1979 in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Col. and Mrs. Malcolm W. Pettet of Hampton, Va. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Booker Jones of Appomattox.

Social and Behavioral Scientists Study Development of Critically Ill Infants

Samuel J. Ajl, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research
The National Foundation-March of Dimes

PARENT-CHILD INTERACTION is one subject being studied by social and behavioral scientists who have received grants from the March of Dimes. Many parents of low-birthweight babies admit their attitudes toward their children are affected because they consider the infants fragile.

Babies who are born too soon and too small (under 5½ pounds) face many risks, including death or severe brain damage. They also are in danger of learning disabilities that may remain hidden during standard infant testing, but which will show up later when the child does poorly in school.

Such mental deficits may be more common among low-birth-weight and premature babies than we have suspected, yet the subject has received comparatively little study.

Behavioral and social scientists believe that many learning problems associated with low birth-weight can either be prevented or treated at an early age if health professionals know that the disability exists. To make early detection possible, however, they need more sensitive, reliable diagnostic methods, including better knowledge of what is normal mental function at any given age.

New program

The March of Dimes, which supports research in birth defects prevention, has begun a new Social and Behavioral Research Grant program to further developments in this field.

Investigators will use standard methods, and create new ones, for testing infant responses. Studies will include the use of computers and other electronic devices.

Dr. Dennis L. Molfese, at Southern Illinois University, will use specially designed electrical equipment to measure differences in the right and left halves (hemispheres) of the brain. The hemispheres are known to characterize speaking and learning abilities.

Dr. Molfese believes that infants who lack clear-cut hemisphere differences at birth, or shortly after, will later show retarded speech and learning. Those who have stronger responses on one side than the other will show more normal development.

If electrically measured responses can identify future learning and speech problems, the tests may be used in routine screening of all low-birthweight and normal infants. Therapy then could start at an early stage of development.

At the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Drs. Gary Olson and Michaele Lamb hope to learn whether one cause of mental and social backwardness among low-birthweight children is the quality of parent-child interaction. Many parents are uncomfortable with these babies because they consider them abnormally fragile and hard to care for. Their attitudes and actions may affect the infant's development. In such cases, special counseling for the parents would benefit the family.

Nature vs. nurture

A new look at the old "nature versus nurture" controversy is built into a project at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, in the Bronx, New York. Drs. Doris A. Allen and Wagner A. Bridger hope to shed light on the question of whether premature infants have later learning disabilities in language-based school subjects because they were raised in families of low socio-economic status, or if they have delayed development because of subtle, neurologic birth defects. They will also explore hearing loss as an overlooked cause of delayed development.

Test accuracy

Dr. Sibylle Escalona, also at Einstein, wants to determine how accurate newborn brain function tests are in predicting future development, and whether social and caretaking influences are more important than biological factors. In some cases newborn brain damage can be overcome with no lasting disability. Such results happen under the best child rearing conditions, and are less likely to happen in surroundings where the child is neglected.

If the findings point to low birthweight as an important factor in learning disabilities or general intelligence, we may see wider interest in attacking the birthweight problem directly.

Society News

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Mr. and Mrs. Eston Harvey are visiting friends in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stevens during the holiday season were several members of the Clayton family: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lockett, their niece and nephew; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Clarke, cousins from Arlington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Claytor, brother and his wife; an aunt, Mrs. Clara Claytor from Salem, Va. Each one expressed delight in being in this historic spot of Appomattox and as guests to Mr. and Mrs. George Martin's New Year Party.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson, of Lynchburg, Mrs. Jessie Beard, of Buckingham, and Mrs. Jessie Carwile of Appomattox, were luncheon guests of Mrs. J. Mott Harvey at Evergreen, on Friday of last week.

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Mr. and Paul Bugg visited in Danville Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Coleman and son, Carter, of Lexington, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman.

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Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman spent Friday in Arlington where they attended the funeral service for Edwin S. Barron. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Lloyd Hudson who had been there for several days.

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Bill Stanley returned home Tuesday of last week after being a patient in the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond. Bill is still receiving treatment as an out-patient.

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Mrs. Virgie White is spending an extended vacation with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knierem, of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Webb spent Sunday night and Monday in Raleigh, N.C.

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AIC Robert Fitzgerald, Jr., of Myrtle Beach, S. C., spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, Sr.

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Sunday guests of Mrs. Helen Gunter and Mr. Ralph Barlow were Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Rogers and daughters, of Danville, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers.

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Mrs. Lloyd Hudson returned home Friday night after spending several days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Montgomery, of Annandale and with her cousin, Mrs. Edwin S. Barron of Arlington.

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Charlie McCormick has returned to his home, much improved, after a stay in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

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Area Students Receive Degrees

James Madison University awarded degrees to more than 200 students recently.

Degree recipients from Appomattox included William A. Noble of 714 W. Confederate Boulevard who received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree, and Emmitt W. Paulette of Route 1 who received his Bachelor of Science degree.

Appomattox Primary School Menu

Thurs., Jan. 25 - Hamburger, Lima Beans, Applesauce, Jello with Topping, Milk.

Friday, Jan. 26 - Fish squares, green peas, creamed potatoes, cookie, milk.

Mon., Jan. 29 - Bologna & Cheese Sandwich, blackeye peas, buttered corn, cake with sauce, milk.

Tues., Jan. 30 - Turkey Roll on bun, French Fries, Green Peas, Jello w/Topping, milk.

Wed., Jan. 31 - Beefaroni, string beans, slaw, roll with butter, graham cracker, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 1 - Hamburger on bun, pork and beans, potato chips, fruit, milk

Fri., Feb. 2 - cream of tomato soup, cheese sandwich, crackers, applesauce, cookie, milk.

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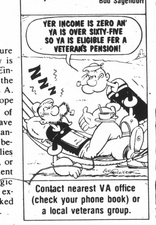

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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH SKATING PARTY

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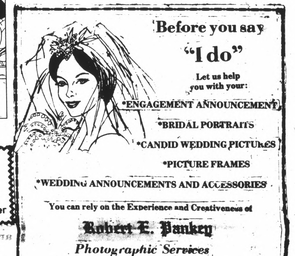
Guests attending were: Wanda Fleshman, Jill Neally, April Moore, Suzette Ranson, Ursula Grishaw, Michelle Romanac, Lisa Williams, Katherine Ballowe, Gine McCormick and Leslie Ranson.

Shawn Gobble Celebrates Birthday

Shawn Gobble celebrated his 3rd birthday Sunday evening. Shown in photot left to right, are Shawn, the birthday boy, and guests, Cindy and Tammy Weaver, Tammy Gobble, Greg and Ed Fulcher, Virginia Webber, Bennie Stanton and Eric Fulcher.



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